

## The Bible Study for the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Reminder: This Study is in two parts. The first part is the lesson that will be discussed on Tuesday at 10:30 am. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is THE GO DEEPER section for anyone who has more time or wants more reflection. These studies are to inspire and motivate you; the time invested is completely up to each person.

**INTRO:** Sticking with the theme of relationships, I love how God describes ours as “the vine and branches.” It gives me comfort and strength knowing that God and I are attached to one another. The amount of stupid things I am capable of doing on my own would definitely wreak havoc on people with whom I was hoping to love and build connections. Having God as a partner allows for wisdom, grace and the ability to repent (when the stupid just doesn’t go away®.)

**PART ONE:** Our Tuesday discussion...Please read John 15:1-17.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...” vs 5

### REFLECTIONS:

1. When reading, did anything jump out at you? Any highlighting? Any questions?
2. Does the illustration of the vine and branches look like a relationship to you?
3. Acts of service, love, etc. apart from God are what?
4. Do you see God’s goodness in pruning? How is it love to do something that doesn’t feel good?

**PRAYER TIME:** How can we, your church family, pray for you? What help do you need for staying “with the vine” as well as accepting some pruning.

### PART 2: GO DEEPER through the week.....

Read John 14:15 to chapter 16:4. What more do you learn about relationships?

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” 14:27

1. What does love look like through Jesus?
2. How does Jesus model a relationship with God?
3. Why can Christians expect to “be hated?” (Who will help us walk through this battle?)